

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	460



City Lexington

Address 221-3 Waltham Street

Historic Name Emery Abbot Mulliken

House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1857

Source David A. Tuttle's list

Greek Revival

Style with Colonial Revival modifications

Architect David A. Tuttle (builder)

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings barn (now 225 Waltham)
renovated for residential use

Major alterations (with dates) porch,

dormers, balustrade, bay windows added

(1905)

Moved _____ Date _____

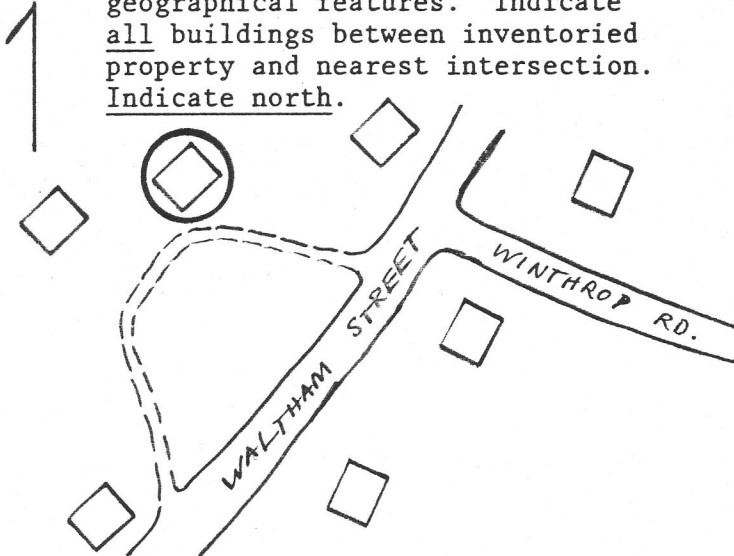
Approx. acreage 61840 ft.²

Setting On a rise northwest of residen-

tial street of houses of mixed date.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house was built originally as a substantial Greek Revival structure by David A. Tuttle, local carpenter. Exterior features which survive from the original building period are the corner pilasters and broad friezeboard. In 1905, the house was renovated in the Colonial Revival Style. A front porch with fieldstone foundation and roof balustrade, bay windows, dormer windows joined by another balustrade were added. There is a nineteenth century barn on the property. The large oak tree to the left of the house has for many years been called the geographic center of Lexington.

now
225
Waltham

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built by E.A. Mulliken (b. 1823, d. 1899), a milkman and farmer in 1857. His son, John Emery Abbot Mulliken (b. 1856), who was in the coal business, returned to live in the house in 1906 having made the Colonial Revival renovations on the house a year earlier. The next owner was Elisha Horton Tower (b. 1844), brother-in-law of John E.A. Mulliken. The building was later owned by William E. Mulliken, treasurer of the Lexington Cooperative Bank.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
221 WALTHAM ST.

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Mulliken House on July 4, 1896
(before 1905 Colonial Revival alterations)

Source: Kelley, *Lexington: A Century of Photographs*, p. 43.

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